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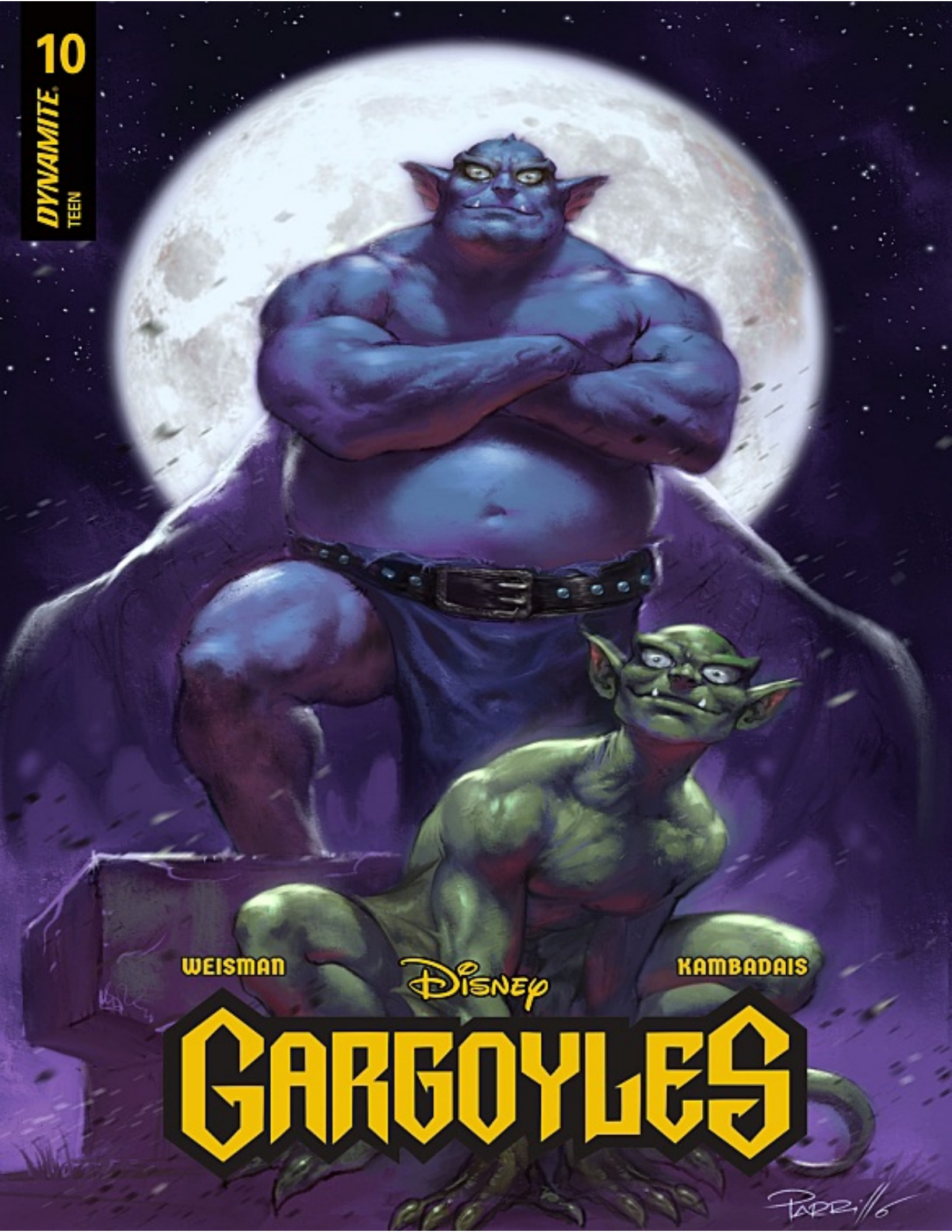
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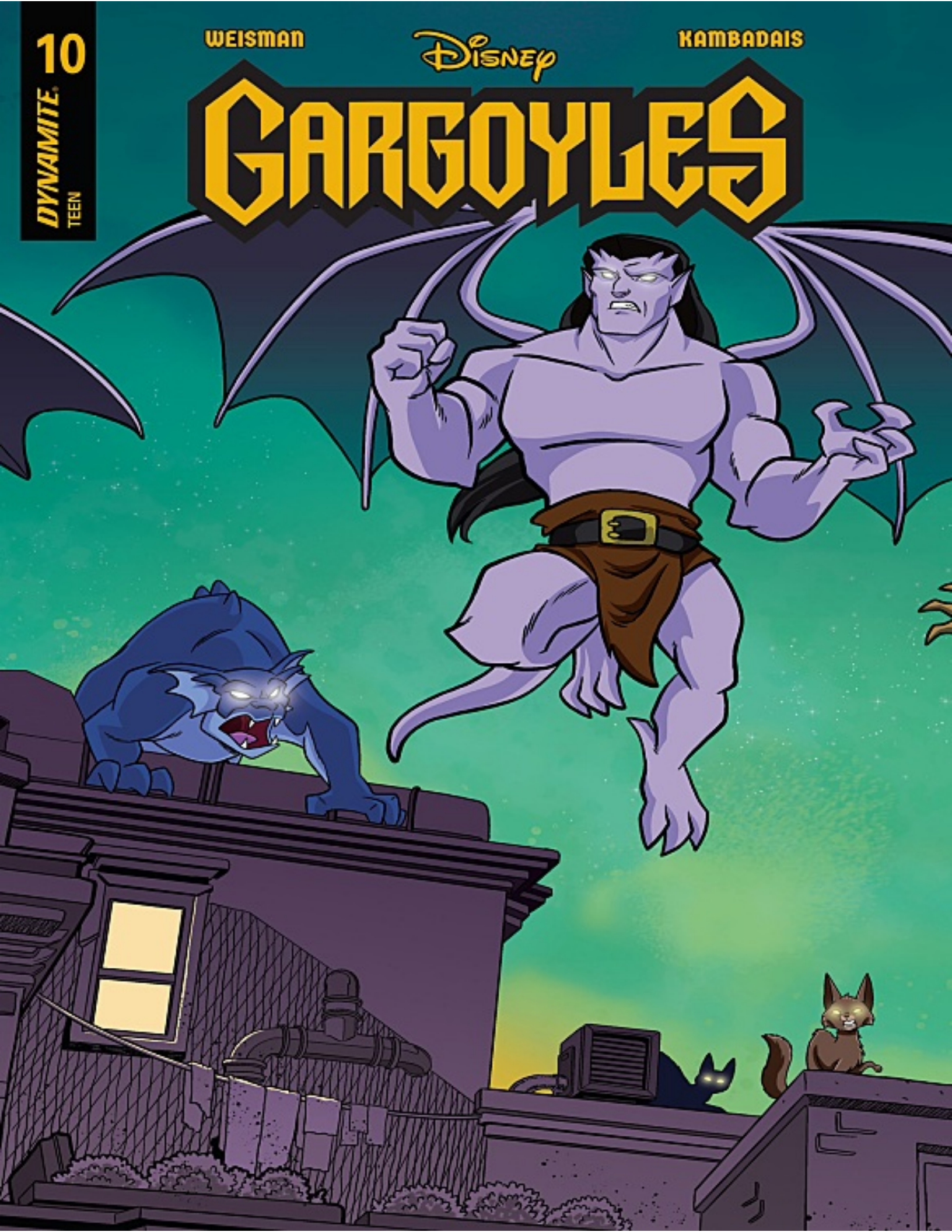
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STONE BY DAY, WARRIORS BY NIGHT

WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE HUMANS
WE HAD SWORN TO PROTECT, FROZEN IN STONE
BY A MAGIC SPELL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

NOW, HERE IN MANHATTAN, THE
SPELL IS BROKEN, AND WE LIVE AGAIN

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF THE NIGHT

WE ARE GARGOYLES

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LONG AGO, AT MY NAMING CEREMONY...
...MY CLAN IN ISHIMURA CHOSE TO CALL ME KATANA--
--HAVING DECIDED, ONE ASSUMES, THAT I SHARED CERTAIN... QUALITIES WITH THAT WEAPON.
I WOULD ACCEPT THE NAME--BUT WOULD NOT ALLOW IT TO DEFINE ME.
IN THOSE DAYS, IN THAT PLACE, MY KIND WERE CALLED "TENGU."
BUT IN THE HERE AND NOW, THE HUMAN WORLD KNOWS US AS...
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BEFORE AND DURING THE SHOGUNATE, MY CLAN TAUGHT BUSHIDO TO SAMURAI AND PEASANT ALIKE...
...WORKING CLOSELY WITH MANY HUMANS.
LATER, MY MATE AND I SPENT DECADES TRAVELING THE WORLD AND DANCING ACROSS THE TIMESTREAM...
...BEFORE SETTLING OUR FAMILY HERE IN MANHATTAN WITH HIS CLAN.

BUT IN ALL THAT TIME, ACROSS ALL THOSE LANDS...
...I NEVER ONCE KNEW OF A HUMAN AND GARGOYLE *FALLING IN LOVE* WITH EACH OTHER.
IN THIS REGARD, OUR LEADER *GOLIATH*--
LIVE
GOLIATH, THE GARGOYLE
--AND HIS COMPANION, *ELISA MAZA*, SEEM *UNIQUE*.
AND UNIQUENESS, I HAVE FOUND, IS *RARELY* TOLERATED.
TELL US ABOUT YOUR *RELATIONSHIP* WITH GOLIATH.
THIS COULD BE *PAINFUL*...

WHEN AND HOW DID YOU AND GOLIATH MEET?
ON OCTOBER FIFTH, NINETEEN-NINETY-FOUR, THERE WAS AN *INCIDENT* AT THE *EYRIE BUILDING*...
I *INVESTIGATED* AND...*ENCOUNTERED* GOLIATH.
AND WHAT HAPPENED?
I WAS SO *SHOCKED* BY HIS APPEARANCE, I *FELL* OFF THE BUILDING.
AND SINCE THEN?
SINCE THEN, WE HAVE *WORKED TOGETHER* ON MANY CASES...
...WITH GOLIATH'S HELP BEING *INVALUABLE* IN THE SUCCESSFUL ARREST OF MULTIPLE SUSPECTS--
"HE FLEW DOWN AND *CAUGHT* ME."
--RANGING FROM *THE PACK* TO CRIME-LORD *ANTHONY DRACON*.
YOUR HONOR, I KNOW ON *FIRST IMPRESSION*, HIS APPEARANCE CAN BE... INTIMIDATING.
BUT FIRST IMPRESSIONS SHOULD NOT *DEFINE* US.
GOLIATH IS THE MOST *HUMANE* INDIVIDUAL I HAVE EVER MET--
--BY *ANY* RATIONAL DEFINITION OF THE WORD.
HOW COULD HE NOT DESERVE THE SAME RIGHTS WE ENJOY?

ALL THAT'S VERY INFORMATIVE, DETECTIVE.
BUT I ASKED YOU ABOUT YOUR *RELATIONSHIP* WITH GOLIATH.
I *LOVE* HIM.
I AM *IN* LOVE WITH HIM. ROMANTICALLY.
HE IS HONEST AND OPEN AND BRAVE AND WARM AND BEAUTIFUL.
I LOVE HIM, AND I AM *CONFIDENT* THAT HE LOVES ME. WE LOVE EACH OTHER.
WOW. JUST... WOW.
I MEAN, I KNEW THAT'S HOW SHE FELT-- HOW *THEY* FELT.
BUT SHE *SAID* IT. IN OPEN COURT. AND ON T.V. ON *LIVE* T.V.
SHE SAID IT, YES. IT IS *ADMIRABLE* AND *HONEST*. BUT WAS IT *WISE*?
IS THEIR LOVE A *TRUTH* THE HUMANS CAN ACCEPT?

WAIT... WHO IS THAT FRAIL IN LOVE WITH?
WITH THE GARGOYLE, POP-POP.
THE CREATURE FEATURE? SERIOUSLY?
YEAH. AND IT TOOK REAL GUTS FOR THE COP TO COP TO IT.
JUST GOES TO SHOW...LOVE'S A POWERFUL MOTIVATOR.
BUT THAT DON'T GUARANTEE NOTHIN' FOR THE ROMEOS AND JULIETS O' THIS WORLD...
...NOT FOR MAZA AND THE MONSTER...
DAILY TATTLER
GTF CAPTURES GARGOYLE
...NOT FOR NOBODY.

DETECTIVE, YOU *CLAIM* THE CREATURE AIDED IN THE ARREST OF MULTIPLE CRIMINALS?
YES.
BUT THE GARGOYLE'S INVOLVEMENT WAS NEVER REPORTED IN THE PRESS, WAS IT?
NO. WE THOUGHT IT BEST TO KEEP HIS ROLE A SECRET.
NOT JUST ITS ROLE, BUT ITS *EXISTENCE*, CORRECT?
HIS EXISTENCE. YES.
BUT SURELY YOU INFORMED YOUR PRECINCT CAPTAIN, *MARIA CHAVEZ?*
NO, I-- I KEPT THE *FULL* TRUTH FROM CAPTAIN CHAVEZ, AS WELL.
OR *ANY* OF THE TRUTH, REALLY. ISN'T THAT CORRECT?
=SIGH= LARGELY, YES.
EVEN AFTER CAPTAIN CHAVEZ APPOINTED YOU TO THE *GARGOYLES TASKFORCE?*
YES.
EXCUSE ME, WHAT WAS THAT, DETECTIVE?
I SAID *YES.*

SO, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...
...YOU'VE TESTIFIED THAT YOU ARE ROMANTICALLY-- IF NOT UNHEALTHILY-- OBSESSED WITH A MONSTER...
...AND THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO LIE TO AND OBSTRUCT YOUR FELLOW POLICE OFFICERS...
...BETRAYING THEM, IN ORDER TO PROTECT AND SERVE SAID MONSTER.
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR!
IS THERE A QUESTION HERE OR IS COUNSEL SIMPLY MAKING A SPEECH?
SUSTAINED. MOVE IT ALONG, MS. YALE.
MY QUESTION IS A SIMPLE ONE...
...GIVEN ALL THIS, WHY SHOULD ANYONE TRUST YOUR TESTIMONY... LET ALONE YOUR JUDGEMENT?

LIVE
A.D.A. MARGOT YALE
NO ANSWER, DETECTIVE?
FINE. THEN NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.
NOK NOK
COME IN.
PRESTON VOGEL IS ON THE PHONE FOR FOX.
WITNESS IS DISMISSED.
I'LL CALL HIM BACK.
MISTER CREST, ANY MORE WITNESSES?
I'M NOT LETTING HIM PREEMPT THE BEST SHOW ON TELEVISION.
FOX...
...IT IS TIME.
NO, YOUR HONOR.

MISTER CREST, YOUR CLOSING STATEMENT.
PLAINTIFF WAIVES CLOSING STATEMENT.
MS. YALE?
I'LL BE BRIEF. FOR DESPITE THIS HEARING'S ENTERTAINING DISTRACTIONS...
...THE ONLY POSSIBLE FINDING IS CLEAR.
IT IS OUTSIDE. THE SCOPE. OF THIS COURT. TO REWRITE. THE DEFINITION. OF HUMANITY.
PERIOD.
STATEMENT IN REBUTTAL.
PROCEED.
GOLIATH, PLEASE RISE.

OPPOSING COUNSEL SPOKE ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF HUMANITY.
BUT THERE WAS A TIME IN THIS COUNTRY, WHEN SOMEONE WHO LOOKED LIKE ME...
...COULD BE TOLD HE DIDN'T MEET THAT DEFINITION...
...COULD BE TOLD HE DIDN'T DESERVE ANY RIGHTS AT ALL.
PLEASE, REMEMBER THAT, YOUR HONOR...
...FOR HISTORY WILL NOT BE KIND TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR OR AIDED IN OPPRESSION--
--AND THIS HEARING, THIS SPECIFIC MOMENT IN TIME, WILL BE STUDIED DOWN THE AGES.
WHEN HISTORY'S FINAL VERDICT IS RENDERED, YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF IT.

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ALL RIGHT, I HAVE A RULING...

AS TO THE FIRST MATTER BEFORE THIS COURT, THAT IS WHETHER GOLIATH POSSESSES *SENTIENCE*...
...THE ANSWER SEEMS *OBVIOUS* AND NOT TRULY IN QUESTION.
BUT FOR THE *RECORD*, I *RULE* THAT THE GARGOYLE GOLIATH DOES--CLEARLY--POSSESS SENTIENCE.
BUT *NOTHING* IN OUR CONSTITUTION *GUARANTEES* RIGHTS TO THE SENTIENT.
AS MS. YALE HAS POINTED OUT, ONE MUST BE A *HUMAN* TO QUALIFY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS...
STILL... WHAT CONSTITUTES *HUMANITY?*
TESTIMONY FROM THE GARGOYLE AND OTHERS *SUGGESTS*--
--THAT GOLIATH EMBODIES *ALL* THE QUALITIES, WHICH, IN OUR *SPECIEST* WAY...
...WE CONSIDER TO BE THE MOST "*HUMANE.*"
AND SO, MY RULING...
GARGOYLES QUALIFY FOR THE *SAME* RIGHTS AS ANY HUMAN.
THEREFORE, SINCE HE WAS ARRESTED *WITHOUT CAUSE* AND HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF *NO CRIME*...

...I HEREBY ORDER GOLIATH'S IMMEDIATE RELEASE.
WHAM

GOLIATH, YOU ARE *FREE* TO GO.

WOOHOO!
JALAPEÑA!
SLAP
HE WAS *RIGHT* ABOUT THE HUMANS. MY *FATHER* WAS RIGHT.
'COURSE HE WAS.
GOTTA ADMIT, I HAD MY *DOUBTS*, BUT IT WORKED...
I THINK WE *ALL* HAD OUR DOUBTS. AND I DO WONDER WHAT *TURNED* THE *TIDE*...
...DID ELISA'S TESTIMONY *HELP* OR *HURT*?
COLDFIRE TO *COLDSTONE*...
PERHAPS WE'LL *NEVER* KNOW. AND PERHAPS, IN THE END, IT HARDLY MATTERS...
...FOR PERHAPS ALL THAT *TRULY* MATTERS IS THE *RESULT*. GOLIATH IS *COMING HOME* TO US...
OUR *CLAN* WILL BE *WHOLE* AGAIN.

MY LOVE, THE VERDICT IS IN...
...THE HUMANS HAVE *RELEASED* GOLIATH. OUR *BROTHER* IS *FREE*.
THAT IS WELL. IT IS A GREAT *BOON* TO OUR CLAN.
WE HAVE *MUCH* TO THANK THE HUMANS FOR IN THIS...
"THEIR... *LARGESSE* TONIGHT WILL NOT BE *FORGOTTEN*."
IT'S A BATTLE WON...
YET THE WAY TO A *TRUE PEACE* BETWEEN GARGOYLES AND HUMANS HAS NOT YET BEEN REVEALED.

THAT'S A VERITY. BUT WE CAN STILL ENJOY THE MOMENT.
INDEED WE CAN. THANK YOU, MY FRIEND.
TRAVIS MARSHAL, W.V.R.N. GOLIATH, WE'D LOVE AN INTERVIEW...
GOLIATH!
GOLIATH, HOW MANY GARGOYLES ARE THERE IN THE WORLD?!
GOLIATH, ANY COMMENT?!
GOLIATH!
GOLIATH, CAN YOU TURN TO STONE FOR US NOW?!
GOLIATH!
GOLIATH!
GOLIATH, ARE THEIR OTHER CREATURES OUT THERE?
FAIRIES? BIGFOOT? THE LOCH NESS MONSTER?
ACTUALLY, GOLIATH, WE'D LOVE TO TALK TO BOTH YOU AND DETECTIVE MAZA.
MANHATTAN, IF NOT THE WORLD, WAS ROCKED BY NEWS OF YOUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER.

EXCUSE ME.
KRUNCH

I KNOW I'LL BE TAKING SOME *FLACK* FOR THIS ONE AMONG MY *PEERS* ON THE *BENCH* AND AT *CITY HALL*.
HEAT IN THE *PRESS*, TOO, OF COURSE.
PLUS, MY *PLANS* FOR A *SEMI-RETIREMENT* ARBITRATING *LUCRATIVE* CORPORATE CASES...
...WELL, THAT'LL BE A COMPLETE *NON-STARTER* NOW.
WHAT COMPANY WOULD *TRUST* THE WACKO JUDGE WHO RULED A MONSTER WAS HUMAN?
I WOULDN'T WORRY, YOUR HONOR...
...GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF *CASH* I JUST *WIRED* TO YOUR CAYMAN ISLAND ACCOUNT--
--THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOUR RETIREMENT TO BE "SEMI" AT ALL.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU DID THE *RIGHT* THING.
I SAY, IT DOES *FEEL* THAT WAY, DOESN'T IT?
WITHOUT A DOUBT. THE RIGHT THING FOR *EVERYONE*...

THANK YOU FOR COMING, GOLIATH...
...I KNOW THE TIMING IS...FAR FROM IDEAL.
I KNOW THE TIMING IS BEYOND ANYONE'S CONTROL.
TOO TRUE, MY FRIEND...TOO TRUE...
...THEN AGAIN...ONE'S OWN PASSING IS...RARELY CONVENIENT...
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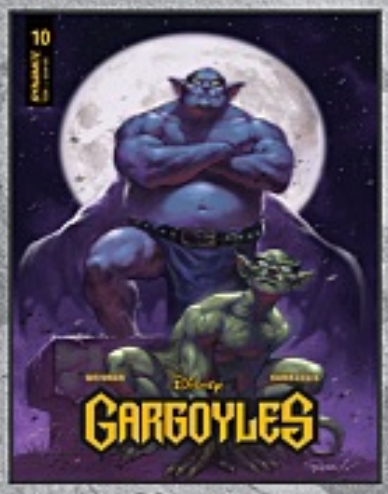

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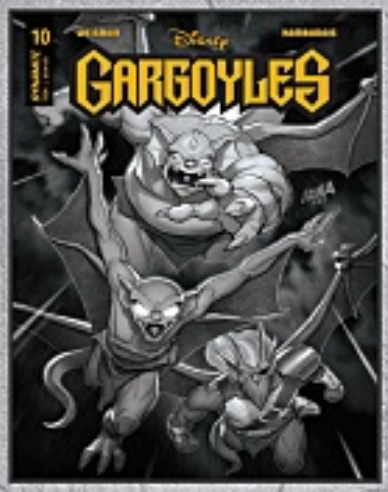

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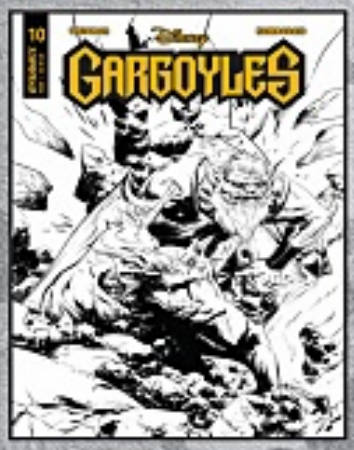

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